(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the orders over-due for supply with BHPV; and

(e) the steps taken by BHPV for timely compliance of the orders in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CAS and DTH System

†1575. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to introduce Conditional Access System (CAS) and then Direct To Home system (DTH);

(b) the reasons behind compulsion of watching advertisements while the subscriber is paying for watching channel programmes;

(c) whether there would be restriction on telecast of advertisements on pay channels to be telecast under the Conditional Access System regime; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Guidelines for starting Direct-To-Home (DTH) broadcasting service have been issued by the Government on 15th March, 2001. So far, four applications have been received. The

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Conditional Access System (CAS) will be implemented, in a phased zone-wise manner, in Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai and at one go in Chennai, with effect from 1st September, 2003.

(b) to (d) There are no provisions under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 or the Rules framed thereunder to restrict the telecast of advertisements in programmes of T.V. channels. However, once the C.A.S. comes into force in the four metros, the consumers would have the choice to pick and watch those pay channels which they desire to see.

Expansion and upgrading of DD Centres in Uttar Pradesh

†1576. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Centres having been expanded or upgraded in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2001 -02 and 2002-03; and

(b) the details of the Doordarshan Centres identified for this purpose in the State during 2002-03?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) LPTs at Banda, Lakhimpur and Kanpur (DD2) in Uttar Pradesh have been upgraded to HPTs during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. In addition, HPT at Faizabad (upgradation from LPT) was installed during 2002-03.

(b) Schemes of upgradation of DD2 LPT at Bareilly to an HPT and permanent Studio centre at Gorakhpur were sanctioned, during 2002-03.

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